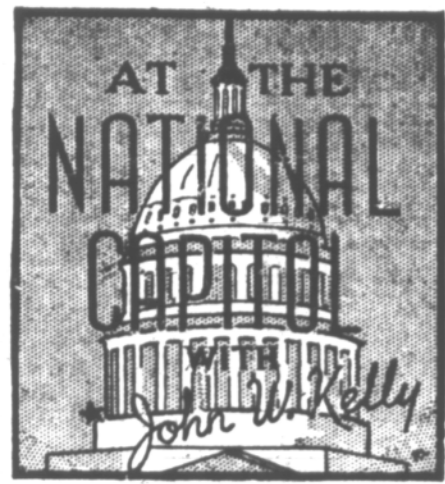


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Reapportionment Committee Named

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Washington, D. C., Feb. 13—People of the Pacific northwest cannot understand the feeling in the east regarding the war and the various steps the United States is taking. The northwest has a different viewpoint and is not excited about the situation. What the northwest wants is its share of the national defense contracts. A former member of the Washington legislature, from Spokane, expressed astonishment at the atmosphere he has found in the national capital.

"What is it all about?" he inquired. "Here I have met substantial business men who are afraid the United States will be invaded by German troops within a couple of months. It looks to me like planned hysteria. Secretary of War Stimson goes before congressional committees and paints a picture of invasion. Secretary of Navy Knox does the same thing. The president was told a submarine was off our shore, but it proved to be a whale and the first statement of the president has never been recalled. Anyone who questions that the United States will be invaded is regarded as a fifth columnist or as a plain fool. Eastern newspapers do not attempt to soothe the public; the movies are filled with propaganda. When I return to Spokane and tell of my observations here and the hysteria no one will believe me."

"Out our way," he continued, "the people are less excited. There is a definite sentiment against the United States becoming involved in the war overseas. They are favorable, the majority, to giving reasonable aid to the British, but even if England should be invaded we do not expect the Germans to come over and attack us, at least not immediately, if at all. It is strange to me that eastern people are so gassed up with war talk. I heard one New York judge tell the senate committee that if we go into the foreign war we will have a civil war at home, and he explained the feeling there is in the big city among the different racial groups. Perhaps one reason the eastern people are frightened is the publicity the eastern papers give to statements emanating from Washington. Our western papers print very little about these, or none at all."

A Portland fireman has been for six weeks in a school in the capital receiving instructions on fire-fighting in the event of invasion. Among his teachers were New York firemen who were sent to London to learn how the British operate. The British are a brave people and are holding up well, he explains, but why shouldn't they? They are on a small island, they cannot leave it, and so they must suppress fires as best they can and "take it." The incendiaries dropped by the Germans may destroy as much as six miles square (more than half the area of Washington, D. C.) and when firemen are working on the conflagration enemy airplanes swoop through the streets shooting at the firefighters with machine guns.

The president is now working on a list of public works to be used as a backlog when the defense program is over and a slack comes in employment again. In the list of projects are military highways, river and harbor improvement, buildings, schools, etc. The highway part of the program does not satisfy most of the members of congress, for they want action as soon as possible and not several years hence. Already men from Oregon and Washington are in the capital urging that something be done. The military highway issue promises to be a live topic before the 77th congress adjourns.

The second draft of the Columbia Valley Authority has been completed and is being studied by Washington's Senator Bone, but will not be introduced for the time being. A copy was sent to Bone several days ago for his consideration. Meanwhile, western governors have held a meeting in

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The long awaited reapportionment committee that is to handle the job of redistricting the state for congressional as well as legislative seats was named by Speaker Farrell Monday morning. With one or two exceptions the oldest men in point of legislative service were placed on the committee.

For eastern Oregon C. T. Hockett of Wallowa, a Republican who has served four full terms; Virgil Staples also a Republican, of Malheur who has been here longer than anyone and Henry Semon, potato growing conservative Democrat from Klamath were given places. They are the oldest in point of legislative service in the district.

In the first district Wm. McAllister, Jackson, Republican; Herman Chindgren, Republican from Clackamas and Roy Carter, Democrat from Curry, who made his name known by his desire to be the 31st vote for a speakership candidate, were named. No men of longer service could have been appointed except Alex Rennie of Benton who is busy on ways and means.

From the Portland district the veteran Frank Lonergan, Republican, Stanhope Pier, who has one session behind him and a long term as public official in Portland and Richard Neuberger the youthful-in body and mind—Democratic theorist drew the call.

To make up the 11 man committee two were named at large and strangely both of these are from the first district. John Steelhammer, young Salem attorney was given the chairmanship presumably because of his disappointment because the elections committee of which he also is chairman, was not given the reapportionment bills. Jay Perry, Democrat from Columbia, was the eleventh man named, probably because he wants Columbia county to have a chance for a senator which it has not had for 35 years because it is in a joint district with Multnomah and Clackamas.

The present consensus of opinion is that the committee will write its own bills from the group of six now before it. It is expected to divide the first congressional district north of Eugene and make a fourth district from the southern part, to let the state senate make its districts and leave the house districts as they are now.

What happens to other legislation in which the reapportionment committee members are interested may have some effect on the fate of legislation about redistricting.

The house passed a bill to place a minimum salary for district attorneys on the statute books despite the no vote of many of those from smaller counties who felt that the DA's were well enough paid already. The same bill was passed last session and vetoed by the governor. He may hardly be expected to continue to veto the expressed wish of the legislature and the attorneys will probably be successful.

Of interest to the 22nd district is the probable fate of the bill, H.B.94, to apportion the 15.7 per cent of highway funds that comes back to the counties in a different way. The bill is still in highway and highway revenue committee where it is being held because there are several amendments offered for the section of the code that must be amended. New proposals are ready for argument which will divide the money into three parts to be distributed on different methods. Assessed valuation; mileage of rural roads and number of cars are the ones to be advanced first.

Alternates Named For Draffees

George Emerson Rohrback and Norman Earl Fields, the two boys from Sherman county called to report for induction into the U. S. army February 18th will be given a final examination at that time and if one or both should fail to pass, Vinton Watkins of Wasco and Frank Joe Slama of Moro have been named as alternates.



45 4H Calves Now on Feed

Forty-five head of 4-H club baby beef calves are now on feed for this fall's showing at the Sherman County Fair and at the Pacific International Livestock show. This is the largest number of calves ever to be fed by any county for exhibition purposes in the state of Oregon. There are thirteen Angus, eleven head of Shorthorns, and twenty-one head of Herefords.

The following boys and girls are in this particular project: Henry Richelderfer, Elton Medler, Phyllis Medler, Clyde Fridley, John Hilderbrand, Bob King, James Hartley, Harry Hartley, Lee Barnett, Leland Barnett, Kenneth Karnes, Lloyd Kelly, Jack von Borstel Don King, Dean Fuller, Shelton Fritts, Ed Fritts, Scott Fritts, John Schadewitz, Jerry Wilson, Dick Wilson, Connie Wilson, Merrill Sather, Glenn Sather, Carsten von Borstel, and Philip von Borstel.

It is expected that the competition between the beef club members here in Sherman county will be as keen as will be the competition in any of the other shows in the state. Since the beginning of this project in this county the exhibits, going to the Pacific Inter-

national from here have been well above the average on the whole. Competition has been keener each year, however the Sherman County 4-H club members have been able to hold their own. For the last three years the Sherman county exhibit in baby heaves in the 4-H division of the livestock show has been the largest in the northwest. This year it looks as though it would be twice as large as any other county.

The local 4-H club members are demonstrating to the people of the state that wheat, our major commodity, can produce high quality beef. In any one year there has not been to exceed 20 percent of all of the cattle marketed on the Portland market which have been grain fed. In other words, 80 percent of the cattle marketed on the Portland market are either grass or hay fed. Producers of wheat locally are beginning to realize that they are overlooking a market for a good part of the surplus wheat as produced in this county and other counties in the wheat producing section of the Northwest. The experts indicate that all of the wheat produced in surplus in the Northwest can be fed to market livestock which include sheep, hogs, and cattle.

Session To Last More Than 40 Days, Lindbeck Asserts

With the legislative session now in its fifth week all hope has been abandoned of adjournment at the end of the 40-day pay period. In fact it was only among the novices of the session that this hope existed at the outset of the session. Speculation now centers on just how far beyond the 40-day period the session will extend with guesses ranging from one to three weeks—that is a session of 50 or 60 days.

Although more than 30 days have elapsed since the session opened little has been accomplished to date that will have any bearing upon public welfare. In fact, as far as that is concerned, there is nothing in the legislative hopper that could not be dumped overboard without any serious loss to the state as a whole. In many respects this session has been the most colorless within the memory of the oldest attendant upon these biennial lawmaking assemblies here in Oregon.

The big wars and means committee started shoving its appropriation bills out onto the floor this week, well ahead of the record of previous sessions which have seen these measures held up until the closing week of the session. Except for two or three matters of policy which this committee has yet to determine it could very well complete its work this week. One of these problems involves the manner of financing the income tax division of the state tax commission. Heretofore this activity has been financed through appropriations out of the general fund. The governor's budget recommends that the \$300,000 needed by the division be captured out of receipts before these are turned into the general fund. This recommendation has a twofold purpose. For one thing it would give the department more money than it could hope to get

through an appropriation—money which the governor and the tax commission believe would be returned to the state many times over in increased collections of income taxes. In the second place this "manipulation" would release another \$300,000 of general fund money for other uses—to be doled out to other activities or to balance the budget as the case might be.

Much of the blame for the prolonged duration of the session must be accepted by the House organization. Most controversial issue before the session revolves about proposed amendments to the unemployment compensation act. Although most of these were in the hopper early in the session no attempt was made by the judiciary committee, which has these measures in charge, to whip them into shape for legislative action until the fourth week of the session. The House has also been most dilatory in its attack on the problem of congressional and legislative reapportionment. Practically every legislator is agreed that something must be done about these problems at this session. Early in the session Speaker Farrell announced that he proposed to name a special committee to handle this problem. Up to Saturday night, with four weeks gone by and with six bills dealing with reapportionment in the hopper, this highly important committee had not yet been named.

Motor vehicle operators will be taxed another 25 cents a year for their driver's license if the senate follows the lead of the House which this week passed a measure providing for the license fee increase which would go toward reimbursing hospitals for the care of indigent victims of traffic accidents.

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District AAA Meeting Held in Arlington

Tentative Date for Voting On Marketing Quotas Set for May 31

A district AAA meeting was held in Arlington Tuesday with Joe Peters, A. J. Smith, LeRoy C. Wright and Dewey Thompson attending from Sherman county. Trashy fallow methods, renovation of crested wheat grass etc. were discussed from representatives from the state office so that compliance in all of the wheat counties would be uniform.

The tentative date for voting on marketing quotas has been set for May 31st. Anyone can vote who has a normal production of 200 bushels of wheat. In order for quotas to be in effect the vote must carry by a two thirds vote of the members voting. If the quota fails to pass there will be no beans on wheat raised in 1941. If the quotas pass a farmer who is in compliance with his wheat allotment can sell or get a loan on all of the wheat he raises on his allotment acres. The farmer not in compliance will have to pay a penalty or seal a part of his wheat so that it will not go on the market.

Woman's Club Entertains Husbands

The members of the Moro woman's club entertained their husbands and several additional guests Saturday evening in the I. O. O. F. hall.

Mrs. O. A. Ramsey, president of the club, extended a word of welcome to the guests, turning the meeting over to Mrs. Dewey Thompson, chairman for the evening.

The program was opened with songs by Mrs. Reba Nye, accompanied by Mrs. Carroll Sayers at the piano. A one act farce "Thursdays At Home" was presented in a home setting with Mrs. Larkin (Mal Oveson) relieving her maid (Ola Ruggles) for the day and explaining to her sister (Peggy Hanson) how she felt one day a week should be reserved at home for peddlers, salesmen, etc. trying to earn a living in this manner. Her generosity caused her much grief as a reporter had the news published and Thursday her house was filled with peddlers, a book salesman, (Naomi Van Gilder) flower vendor, (Eddie Jackson) two sweeper salesmen, (Mrs. Hollinshead and Nellie Jackson) a photographer, (Mrs. Floyd Platt) The maid finally came to her employers rescue by reporting a false accident which the intruders all rushed to see.

Dean Pinkerton favored with several selections on his trombone, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, Mary Sayers, Anajean Knighton, and Patricia French tapped danced after which followed "Truth or Consequences" conducted by Mrs. Carroll Sayers, which caused considerable merriment.

Refreshments of ice cream, coffee and cake were served.

Basket Social Held By Breakfast Club

A basket social held Wednesday night in the Legion hall by the Moro Breakfast club was a success from a financial and entertainment standpoint. About sixty baskets were auctioned by dynamic Joe Belanger, following an interesting program consisting of several numbers from The Dalles under the direction of Paul McCulloch, Superintendent of The Dalles city schools. After pictures shown by J. T. Lumley, Miss June Oda favored with an instrumental solo, Kenneth Ferguson gave a chalk talk on "maps," a boys quartet composed of Bruce Cyphers, Melvin Broer, Alfred Cramer and David Hazen sang several numbers. Miss Marie Keeler of the English department gave a talk on different chemical types of persons. John Pulliam played three violin selections, while Mr. McCulloch climaxed the show with a few slight of hand tricks.

After partaking of the basket contents Morey Graff's orchestra played for an hours dancing.

Wins Contest



Miss Claudine Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude J. Thompson, of Moro, won in the Junior division of oratory, when several students from the Moro high school went to Linfield college to enter in the ninth annual interscholastic speech tournament held there February 6-7-8. She was presented with a trophy and plaque at the banquet Saturday night.

Moro was one of twenty-five towns over the state entering in this speech contest which included debate, extemporaneous oratory, declamatory, poetry reading and after dinner speaking.

Moro entered in debate and oratory. The debate team was composed of Vera Henriks, Millard Melzer, George Martin, and Claudine Thompson. One of the Beaverton teams won the debate cup for senior debate. They were coached by Ernest Wedd, a former teacher in Moro. Miss Corrine Melchin, the Moro coach is a former Linfield college student. She won honors in oratory and debate while in school.

Claude Thompson took the group down on the 6th and they returned the 9th. The debate team expects to participate in another tournament in Redmond the second week in March.

Crops Committee Meets Thursday

The crops committee of the economic conference met Thursday, February 13, at 2 p. m. and answered questions recently sent them and made recommendations to be presented at the conference on Monday, February 17. The land use committee will meet for the same purpose on Friday, February 14th, at 2 p. m.

Monday, February 17, the final meeting of the economic conference will be held at the court house in the afternoon to go over the recommendations made by the various committees. Everyone is invited to attend. Mr. E. R. Jackson and Earl Thompson will be present to meet with the members. The county and community committees will meet in the morning to go over the 1941 program.

Sherman County Red Cross Chapter Meets

A meeting of the Sherman County Chapter of American Red Cross was held February 7 in Moro.

The following officers were elected. Chairman, C. A. Tom; vice chairman, C. L. Poley; secretary, Mrs. C. L. Poley; production, Mrs. M. A. Bull; Home Service, Willy Knighton; Farm and Home Accident, Dewey Thompson; First Aid, Miss Cathrine Tom; Civilian and Disaster Relief, Miss Cassie Holmes; Executive committee: Merrill Oveson, Mrs. Margaret Poetz, Viggo Haufelt, Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg, Mr. Jenkins, Judge Potter, Mrs. Ed Alley, Mrs. Louis Sather, Jerry Wilson and Mrs. Thea von Borstel. The chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer and committee heads are also members of the executive committee.

Income Tax Man To Be Here Tuesday

The services of a deputy collector, for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in preparing their Federal income tax returns for the year 1940, will be available in Moro February 18 and in Wasco February 19.

REA Survey For Sherman County Given Approval

The Rural Area of This County Expected To Be Served by REA Soon

In November a meeting for an explanation of rural electrification under the R.E.A. was held in this county when preliminary plans were made with several farmers signing up to participate as a unit of the Wasco county project.

Eric Johnson, manager of the Wasco county R.E.A. Co-op states that a telegram received last week permits the pre-allotment mapping of the Sherman and Southern Wasco county B section of our project from which the construction cost will be derived from and the amount of money that the government will allocate for this extension.

A regional engineer for the R.E.A. from Washington is in the northwest and Mr. Johnson expects he will be in the territory within a short time when he will be shown the exact type of farms to be served.

A bulletin will be out soon and mailed to all section B members of Sherman county.

Mustard Seed To Be Sown Here

Kenneth Rogers of Athena delivered 5000 pounds of commercial mustard seed for Sherman county seedling this spring. This seed was left in care of the county agent who will weigh it out to the farmers. The following farmers will seed commercial mustard: W. A. Medler, A. D. Richelderfer, G. A. Sargent, Cyril Kruger, Marie B. Cooper, James G. Woods, W. Ray Blake, Omer G. Sayers, C. F. Kuyper, Millard Eakin, W. C. Fuller, H. A. Walker and Kenneth Walker.

This is a new experiment in Sherman county and with these farmers trying it in the various parts of the county in which they live a fairly good idea should be obtained as to its value as a substitute crop.

Mr. Rogers of Athena has guaranteed them a market for their product this year.

L. R. Conlee Injured In Motor Mishap

L. R. Conlee and son, Virgil, on their trip to Portland Tuesday met with an accident on Stark and Burnside when their car driven by Virgil collided with another. Mr. Conlee received severe cuts about the face requiring between 35 and 40 stitches. The other occupants were not badly injured although the cars were damaged.

Harry Blough, a brother-in-law of Mr. Conlee, returned Virgil home Friday when Mrs. Conlee returned to Portland with him, to be with her husband.

Grass Valley High Team Wins Game

A determined Grass Valley high school five handed Wasco high its second Sherman county league defeat here Friday night. The score was 27-18 and placed Grass Valley in the running for the championship.

Three teams, Rufus, Wasco and Grass Valley are now tied for the right to enter the district tournament at Arlington February 20, 21 and 22.

In a preliminary to Friday's game the Tiger reserves lost to Wasco's second string by a score of 20 to 11.

Grass Valley (27) - Wasco (18)
C. Bayer (12) F (1) Rosted
Bardenhagen (2) F (5) Costa
Payne (3) C (1) Shull
Roth (4) G (2) Richelderfer
Fields (6) G (8) McDermid
Substitutes: G. V. Hogue; Wasco, Nisbet. Referee, John Rolfe.

Lyle Gillmor, a brother of Clyde of this city, came from Prineville Sunday to take his brother to Prineville for the funeral of an uncle, Frank Post, held there Monday.